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### **Man Gets 33-Month Prison Term For Series of Vehicle Break-ins - Broke Into One Vehicle While Police Were Staking Out the Area -**

WASHINGTON - Anthony David Wiley, 53, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to a 33-month prison term for breaking into vehicles, including one crime that took place near a police surveillance team, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Wiley pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and second degree theft. He was sentenced on April 19, 2011 by the Honorable Judge Florence Pan, who noted the effect of such crimes on the community's quality of life.

As part of his plea agreement, Wiley admitted that, on October 12, 2009, near the 1300 block of New York Avenue NW, he punched the door locks of a Ford Econoline Van and attempted to steal tools from inside. At the time of this offense, Wiley was driving a Ford Ranger truck that had been stolen only days earlier. The passenger door lock on the Ranger truck also had been punched. Inside that truck was an IBM Think Pad that had been stolen from another vehicle, blocks away, less than an hour before Wiley broke into the van.

Wiley also admitted that, on September 8, 2010, in the 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW, he attempted to break into another van. Due to many reports relating to thefts from autos, U.S. Capitol Police were conducting surveillance in the area at the time. Officers stopped Wiley before he entered the vehicle. He told the police at the time that he was using a screwdriver to break into the vehicle and that he intended to steal items from inside the van.

Wiley additionally admitted that, on January 23, 2011, in the area of D Street and Indiana Avenue NW, he popped the locks of another Econoline van and stole a GPS system and cash.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department, including Officer Terrence Welsh, of the First District, Crime Analyst Kelly Branthover, and Detective Chanel Howard. He also praised Special Agents Sean Camp, Dennis Holland, Jack Gibson, Lawrence Anyaso and Randall Hayden, and Crime Analyst Jerry Bell, all of the Capitol Police, and U.S. Park Police

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Investigators R. M. Abt and Monique Pettett. Finally, he recognized the work of Mark Crawford, formerly of the Capitol Police, who is now an investigator with the U.S. Attorney's Office, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lara Worm, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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